

Attn: Judge J Frederick Motz

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Dear Hon. Judge Motz;

I am an interested party in both Education, and in the software arena. I have recently read about the proposed settlement by Microsoft corporation to their civil suit in which they propose supplying software and computing stations to a number of public schools.

While I agree that supplying schools with such tools will be beneficial to the students, I believe that it will allow Microsoft to further the monopoly of which they have been convicted. Further, it is my concern that Microsoft, because of their monopoly-based software prices, can essentially avoid the bulk of their penance by, essentially, paying themselves based on their inflated prices.

I have just read of the proposal by "Red Hat Linux" to supply the software portion for hardware systems purchased by the defendant. I urge you to consider all such similar offers to this, as I believe that it will both aid the school systems in question, without furthering the aforementioned monopoly.

Thanks for your time,
Andrew Hamilton-Wright.